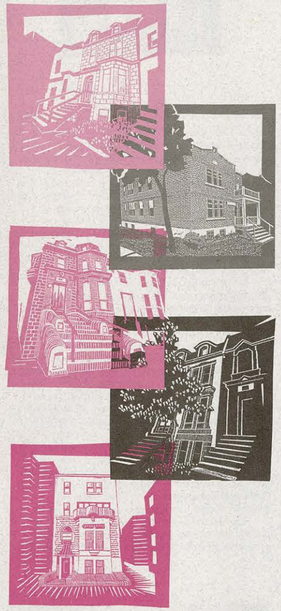
UNIVERSITY COLLEGES



Concordia UNIVERSITY

REAL EDUCATION FOR THE REAL WORLD

Concordia has a long tradition of concern for the individual, giving its students the opportunity to plan programmes to suit their own particular needs and circumstances. As such, it has created some of the most innovative education in the university milieu today. One of these many exciting options is its colleges and institutes, which are actually small units within its overall Arts and Science Faculty. At present, there are five such units in existence:

- Liberal Arts College
- Lonergan College
- School of Community & Public Affairs
- Science College
- Simone de Beauvoir Institute

While following a degree in Arts and Science, students complement their chosen discipline by enrolling in one of the University colleges. The colleges' interdisciplinary curricula cover a broad gamut of programmes designed to meet the special interests of students.

Faculty members (called Fellows) within each college, act as mentors, guiding students through personal instruction and encouragement. The individual's programme is painstakingly planned, as it is the goal of the colleges to broaden students' specialized education with carefully chosen electives, specially designed tutorials and where needed, career-oriented guidance.

Each college also has its own premises where students gather not only to take courses and exchange ideas, but to take part in extracurricular activities, special-interest seminars and guest lectures.

The advantage of this approach to education is that students may utilize the resources of a large Arts and Science Faculty, yet still enjoy the effective interchange of ideas that a small unit can offer. Concordia's colleges provide extremely personalized, in-depth study. Intimate groups of staff and students share a close relationship in what proves to be a most creative and far-reaching educational experience.

LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE

The Liberal Arts college is for students who think that education is about life, and should last for a lifetime. Its "Great Books" programme, the only one of its kind in Canada, offers the student the chance to acquire a critical awareness of just how Western civilization and society have developed through the centuries.

Housed in its own building, its small class size encourages personalized learning. Through a multidisciplinary curriculum, students follow an integrated programme covering the major areas of human knowledge: history, the humanities, art, music, social sciences and scientific thought.

Liberal Arts encourages students to transcend rigid categories and to respond flexibly to a wide variety of new situations. The College programme is a combination of seminars and tutorial work. Courses also stress writing and research skills and the use of a second language.

The College has no exclusive philosophical or ideological bias or point of view. It is a free and open place where different positions are valued and students come to their own conclusions based on wide reading and intensive discussion. What binds staff and students together is mutual respect, as partners in a fascinating intellectual and creative enterprise.

All Liberal Arts College students must take the Core Curriculum. These inter-related courses, including seminar and tutorial work, as well as the final-year Integrative Seminar, constitute a significant segment of the course work required for College-sponsored BA programmes. Students may, with the permission of the College, combine the Core Curriculum with a departmental Specialization or Majors programme, or with the individual Studies programmes. Selected students may, with College permission, be admitted to the College Major in Western Society and Culture. Information: **(514) 848-2565**

"This programme offers a unique opportunity for the curious to track the evolution of thought of this culture which is of critical significance to the world as a whole."
– David Livingstone

"What Lonergan brings to the individual is the interdisciplinary environment needed for growth and exploration, and nowhere is this micro-climate more palpable than in the community of friends that is Lonergan College." – J.P. Capaz

LONERGAN COLLEGE

Are you more interested in exploring ideas and examining values than in cramming for exams and competing for marks? Are you willing to move beyond the confines of a single discipline and enter into dialogue with fellow students and professors from a variety of fields? Are you looking for an academic community that will deepen and enrich your experience of learning at university? Then Lonergan College may be the place for you.

Drawing its inspiration from Bernard Lonergan, former Loyola professor and distinguished modern philosopher, the College is directly concerned with the deepest issues of life, with human aspirations, with ultimate values and with the attempts of human institutions to serve this vitality.

The College format is straightforward and simple, and consists of reading, understanding and coming to terms with the work of a great thinker who has shaped our civilization. In the past, Lonergan students have studied the work of Carl Jung, Northrop Frye, Machiavelli, Teresa of Avila, Darwin, Freud, Dante, Buckminster Fuller, Foucault, Goethe, Weber and Nietzsche.

The upcoming year will be devoted to the work of Galileo, and the following, to Dostoevsky. A Visiting Scholar of international reputation and expertise on the subject, will deliver a biweekly lecture, followed on alternate weeks by in-depth student seminars led by a Fellow of the College. Consisting of faculty and students drawn from a broad cross-section of Concordia disciplines, Lonergan offers a rich setting for discussion from an interdisciplinary perspective, and a friendly social environment.

A university education is not just a training ground, it is primarily an inquiry into the universe. Lonergan College affirms the value of questioning life and what is important in it. Students come to know more about themselves and what they intend to do with their lives as a result of this stimulating and exciting exchange.
Information: **(514) 848-2280**

SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY & PUBLIC AFFAIRS

As governments increase their influence on our daily lives, groups ranging from neighbourhood citizens' organizations to large corporations, are informing themselves, to make sure they understand and are understood by government. This is the realm of community and public affairs, and the School of Community and Public Affairs studies its complex range of activities.

The School offers a multidisciplinary programme in public policy and trains students to both formulate and analyze policy. It emphasizes the interaction between private, public, labour and community sectors of our society and combines an academic curriculum with practical field experience.

Students are prepared for employment in a wide spectrum of areas as policy analysts, public affairs specialists, community, political and labour organizers, as well as journalists, urban planners and educators. In addition, the School offers a valuable training ground for those who intend to do graduate work in a social science discipline, public policy and administration, public affairs, industrial relations, or law and commerce. It also has a special appeal for people with an interest in community or political work.

Students enrolled in the School benefit from a unique combination of features, including a bilingual environment and the integration of a multidisciplinary programme with a degree in their chosen disciplines. Another key aspect of the School is its internship policy, in which students work for either a government or private agency as a credited part of their course studies. They gain invaluable insight into the working reality of public affairs and consequently, are able to plan their direction more creatively.

The School also houses the independent Institute for Research on Public Policy, one of Canada's best-known policy institutes. Information: **(514) 848-2575**

"The SCPA is more than academics. It brings together students from various backgrounds and disciplines, who take an active interest in the world around them."
– Désirée McGraw

"The diversity of the students' background creates a unique atmosphere at the College – whereby each discussion, in the classroom or over lunch, provides fresh insights, enriching both the group and each of its members." – Lucie Filteau

SCIENCE COLLEGE

The aim of the Science College is to help science students prepare for a life of research, teaching or some equally challenging pursuit in a profession. While it enables students to specialize in a particular discipline, it is geared towards enlarging their understanding of science as a whole. Its goal is to produce scientists and critical thinkers, not merely specialists and technicians. To achieve this, the College offers an academic programme which complements and reinforces the regular undergraduate science programme.

Three components are key to the College's approach, the first being research. It is considered essential that students actively participate in a research group during each year of their studies. This research aspect of the programme is quite unique in Canada, and it allows students to really explore and become familiar with their abilities.

Science College is also designed to overcome the limitations of specialization by broadening students' horizons. They are introduced to a wide range of scientific areas through an interdisciplinary approach, the second key component of the programme. The extent of this exposure is far greater than is normally possible in traditional science departments.

Students also take a variety of courses in the intellectual and social context of science. This thorough kind of coverage provides deeper understanding of scientific issues and helps them develop a genuine commitment to the world they are about to enter.

The third component of the programme is informal, but every bit as important. Life in the College stimulates ongoing discussion between students about science, a crucial factor in the environment of working scientists who must exchange ideas constantly with their peers. Students are also encouraged to integrate science into their social lives and extracurricular activities, allowing them to learn from each other, another major (though not always recognized) factor in the life of young scientists.
Information: **(514) 848-2595**

SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR INSTITUTE

The Simone de Beauvoir Institute was established in 1978 to provide a foundation for the teaching of, and research into Women's Studies. Since that time, it has distinguished itself internationally.

Named after the provocative thinker, Simone de Beauvoir, whose life was one long commitment to the reshaping of women's roles and value in society, the Institute was founded to help women both identify and address specific academic needs and to develop their full creative potential. It examines both the historical and contemporary role of women in society, aiding in the development of a new perspective on women in general, and creating a sense of belonging.

Combining its women's studies curriculum with a wide variety of co-curricular activities, many involving women's organizations, projects and research outside Concordia, the Institute helps women develop leadership skills and initiative. It provides an environment of growth and support in which women can work together to achieve common goals and to promote better understanding and cooperation between both sexes.

The Women's Studies programme is designed to accommodate students who wish to combine a degree in another department with a feminist outlook. For example, Women's Studies can be combined with sociology, psychology, history, political science, literature and religion. Students may choose to do a B.A. Major, Minor or Certificate in Women's Studies. A Graduate programme (M.W.S.) is presently being implemented. The courses offered by the Institute are also of great interest to students registered in other programmes or faculties.

Institute membership is not restricted to women. Men who are interested in learning more about the history and outlook of women are welcome to join.
Information: **(514) 848-2370**

"Small classrooms and the close relationship between students and faculty attracted me to the Simone de Beauvoir Institute. Come and learn what 'feminism' is about!"
– Monica Wolfe